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1. THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA MAY 4 PUBLISHED A HIGHLY CRITICAL
ARTICLE ABOUT U.S. AID TO THE THIRD WORLD TITLED "STARS, STRIPES
AND LOANS." THE ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN (THOUGH UNSIGNED) BY TIMES
DEPUTY EDITOR WILLIAM SAIDI. THIS IS THE FIRST MAJOR CRITICISM
OF THE UNITED STATES' INCREASED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO ZAMBIA
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AND IS SIGNIFICANT COMING AS IT DOES JUST BEFORE PRESIDENT
KAUNDA'S STATE VISIT TO THE U.S. IT IS ALSO NOTEWORTHY THAT IT
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE UNIP PARTY-OWNED NEWSPAPER.

2. AFTER A GENERAL INTRODUCTION WHICH PORTRAITS THE U.S. AND
INTERNATIONAL LENDING AGENCIES AS ACTING TOGETHER TO "CHECK
COMMUNISM AND EXERT PRESSURE ON THIRD WORLD GOVERNMENTS,"

SAIDI CONCLUDES THAT "ONE CAN EASILY FIND A CLOSE LINK BETWEEN THE ATTITUDES OF INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES AND U.S. POLICY IN THE THIRD WORLD." TURNING SPECIFICALLY TO ZAMBIA, SAIDI ACCUSES THE U.S. OF HAVING CONSIDERED "DESTABILIZING" ZAMBIA. HE ADDS, HOWEVER, THAT "PERHAPS AS A RESULT OF BRITISH INFLUENCE, THE U.S. SEEMS TO HAVE COME AROUND TO THE IDEA THAT TO KEEP ZAMBIA INTO THE ORBIT OF WESTERN INFLUENCE LOANS MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE." HE GOES ON TO SAY THAT "THUS, GOES THE ARGUMENT, ZAMBIA CAN BE SECURED THROUGH MASSIVE LOANS - WHICH WOULD POSSIBLY INHIBIT ITS ACTIONS OVER RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA - THEN PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA IS POSSIBLE."

3. SAIDI CONCLUDES THE PIECE BY SAYING "IT IS ONLY THIS WAY THAT THE CURRENT U.S., IMF INTEREST IN ZAMBIA CAN BE UNDERSTOOD. FOR WHERE IN THIS WORLD HAS THE US SUPPORTED THE EVOLUTION OF A SOCIALIST STATE? HASN'T CHILE GIVEN US A PRECEDENT OF US REACTION GIVEN THE CHANCE?"

4. WE WANT TO DEVELOP A HUMANIST SOCIETY, IN ORDER TO DO SO, A SOCIALIST STATE MUST BE CREATED FIRST. WILL THE IMF LEAVE US ALONE TO DO SO OR ARE THESE LOANS INTENDED TO DELAY OUR MARCH TO A HUMANIST STATE?"

5. COMMENT: SAIDI DURING HIS PREVIOUS TENURE WITH THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA WAS A PERSISTENT AND OUTSPOKEN CRITIC OF THE US. SINCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HIS RETURN TO THE TIMES 18 MONTHS AGO, HE HAS BEEN, WITH RARE EXCEPTIONS, KEPT UNDER A TIGHT REIN. WE DO NOT INTERPRET THIS LATEST PIECE AS A REFLECTION OF GRZ POLICY, BUT IT DOES ECHO POINT OF VIEW TAKEN BY LEFTISTS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE UNIP. NU O'BRIEN

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